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Applicants request suspension of action by the Office for a period of two months.

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The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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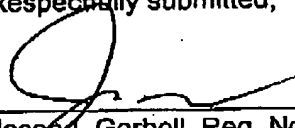
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